

REMARKS

By this amendment, section heading paragraphs for the specification are requested to be entered at pages 1 and 2.

The amendment to the paragraph in the specification at page 4 is to correct typographical errors.

The amendment to the paragraph in the specification at page 6 is to provide for antecedent support for the claims as originally filed and in particular, with respect to original claim 21, now new claim 42.

The amendment to the paragraph in the specification at page 9 is to provide appropriate trademark notice under U.S. practice pursuant to MPEP 608.01 (v).

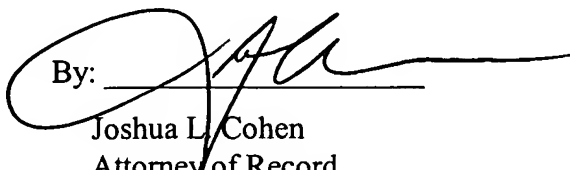
The abstract is requested to be amended to correct a typographical error and to provide for better reading of the abstract.

Original claims 1-22 are requested to be canceled and new claims 23-43 entered for consideration and examination on the merits. The new claims correspond to those claims as amended in the priority application and are presented to comply with U.S. practice. In particular, new claim 23 includes the subject matter of original claims 1 and 2 and accordingly, original claim 2 is requested to be canceled. New claim 23 is presented to more accurately cover the present invention of this independent claim. New claims 24-43 include and correspond to the subject matter of original claims 3-22, respectively.

The amendments requested to be entered above do not introduce new subject matter into the present application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, favorable action on the merits, including entry of all amendments and allowance of all claims pending, respectfully is requested.

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